

GSA Minutes 03/23/2011

Attendance

Katie Amrine
Beth Hernandez-Jason
Alisa Keyser
Rachael Martin
Joshua Phillips
Julie Phillips
Kristynn Sullivan

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:08pm.

Minutes approved

Katie

- Keith Alley Meeting
 - Tried to identify problems with response memo
 - Blamed the problems in SSHA on the School
 - Seemed to focus on 5% population not being an issue instead of actual issues
 - Fee remissions problems were blamed on class sign-up problems
 - No has mentioned an automated system was his response even though Maria said it was too expensive
 - Just taking people's word rather than investigating the problem
 - Sympathetic, but really just appeasing rather than fixing
 - Mentioned the audit as the main help here
 - Seemed to change attitude a little as meeting went on
 - Towards the end, it seemed like the examples of problems made a little more of an impact
 - Maybe seemed to think that he didn't quite have all of the info in-hand

Took a lunch break at 2:12pm.

- GRC Meeting
 - Mentioned Keith Alley meeting at the GRC
 - Light load, so got a chance to talk to it
 - Got a lot of support from David Kelley as well in the meeting
 - Sam Traina got a different impression from the meeting because Keith came to see him almost immediately after encouraging the audit to start now

- Audit should get an immediate report before full report
- Want to see the issue focused-on in next meeting
- DivCo just wrote a letter of support in addition to the GRC support letter for TA appointment memo
- Graduate and Research Council Split applied to DivCo
 - Grad group chairs for Graduate Council
 - The rest in Research Council

Kristynn

- Budget talk at UCSA
 - Specific campus adjustments
 - Budget-conscious Merced Stuff
 - Sweep balances to be used to meet shortages elsewhere
 - Keep staff recruitment down
 - Sharing staff positions
 - Energy savings
 - Faculty support for external funding
 - Increasing summer courses
 - Policy of applying to UC to split people to different campuses
 - 358 non-funded students
 - Climate committee (Asians in the library video – offensive)
 - Yudof interrupted a presentation on this and really emphasized climate issues
 - Dream Act is main focus of Undergraduate campaign
 - Vote on it soon
 - Bill of Rights
 - Got data in
 - About what we found in our focus groups
 - We have more paycheck problems but cost-of-living lower

Beth

- First grade outreach going well
- Fifth grade not happening because the school we were scoping didn't have a fifth grade
 - Find one struggling the most with science
- Cou-Pass – high-school focus
 - Continuity and communicating expectations of what is expected at the college level
 - AVID program for college-bound students
 - Administrators at school didn't want to have us, but the people in this program were interested
- CAPRA
 - IPA analyst Michael Runas??
 - What he showed WASC
 - ORU (Organized Research Units) money
 - Summer session money?
 - They said it doesn't matter... fungible?
 - Not clear

- Two professors suggested tying it to research monies
- Incentivize faculty to apply for it
 - 1-3% back to PIs??
 - Keith Alley came in and didn't approve
 - Wolfgang Rogey and Chris Kello seemed like the backers of this approach
- Summer-school results in profit and it cycles back to fund ORUs
- OK with GRC splitting

Julie

- Budget
 - Alloted fall and spring travel
 - \$400 in spring, \$647.22 in fall
 - \$584 spent on UCSA for Kristynn
 - Doing well as far as money goes
 - Current Balance: \$3885.55
- Some person from OSL wanted to know why we weren't putting in money to the student union
 - We don't have a lot of money, but Connie said undergrads put in 4% of the student union
 - They don't really even have a budget, so it's hard to say what they wanted to do, but it actually was 4%
 - \$100 is 4%
 - We need to figure out who is actually in charge of seeing this through
 - Latrice was doing this, but Jane Lawrence should know for sure
 - Plans for external donors as well need to be considered
- Sam Traina getting travel grant money matching in place
- Need to think about how travel grant money is working
 - Maybe change rules a little for more flexibility

Josh

- Votes in
 - 38 email and 26 paper ballots
 - 64/64 voted yes on officer name changes and new Internal Vice-President position
 - 63/64 voted yes on ex-officio position

Rachael

- New staff ideas
 - Hire someone for recruiting for individual Schools
 - Hire someone for off-campus outreach
- Beth: Is there somewhere to get business cards?
 - Funding available?

Julie

- SFAC
 - Missed rec-center but got packet
 - Want \$30K even before approval
 - Referendum Committee policy on %20 grad vote

- Need to make an active voting campaign
- Posters!!!

Beth

- Community Outreach Committee – will be on it

Katie

- Budget Committee
 - Justin Hujdic resigned
 - Peter Kirchner didn't like Justin taking over
 - Budget committee is behind, so Justin wasn't supposed to start until next semester
 - Basically, just had an incompatible agenda compared to the work of the committee
 - Maybe we can find someone else who will help understand how to do this properly
 - Need a process for removing people from committee positions as well
 - Kristynn agreed to help with this for now
- Moves on TA and Fee remissions processes
 - Move IVP forward
 - Gather results next year via the Delegate Assembly
- Humanities research funds
 - Go for Research Council for help with this

Rachael

- Research Week
 - Poster presentations going, for both science and non-science
 - Justin Matthews and Deborah Motton leading catered events to help people learn how to give presentations
 - Used to have a committee, but it got taken away when the responsibility was given up
 - Need to have a committee to help plan and organize
 - Need outside speakers (last and current year are both in-house)
- Art in Research
 - Not a lot of applicants
 - Needs to be more encouraged?
 - Maybe we need to put together a list of ideas?

Katie

- Elections
 - Semester all-grads meeting for elections
 - Get nominations at this meeting?
 - Food
 - Bellinis as a go-to spot for now?
 - Trevinos also?
 - Taste of Little India
 - Grad Student Services will help fund it (Thanks Rachael!)
 - Dates?
 - Don't want to get too close to Chancellor's Governance Retreat event
 - On Google Calendar

- April 5 – elections on the 19
- New Officer Transitions
 - Binders for each position, and about two pages of responsibilities, people contacts, things that got done, and things that you wanted to do, you know... important stuff
 - One-on-one meetings before the group meeting?
 - Maybe do these after the group meeting instead?
 - Need to address this process more in the future.

Next meeting on April 15th at Phillips' house @ 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21pm.

Business to discuss at next meeting(s):

- Travel Grant Funding and Rubric Modifications – Julie
- Research Week – Rachael
- Focus Group Resolution – Katie
- Seventh GSA Position – Katie
- Newsletter – Josh & Beth
- Education Outreach – Beth
- UCSA GS Bill of Rights – Kristynn